QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY
(but not taken up)

Avenue trees on State P. W. D. Roads

50. SRI B. BYRAPPAJI (Turavekere).—Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the avenue trees along State P. W. D. Roads were planted and raised by the people ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Government assistance was given to such people ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Government has by stopping the said assistance have taken over the trees ;

(*d*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that these trees have become uncared for, for want of supervision ;

(*e*) if so, the action to be taken by the Government to protect the trees ?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) It is understood that in P. W. D. Divisions of Madhugiri, Kolar, Chickaballapur, Ramanagaram and some parts of Sandur Taluk of Bellary District the people had planted and raised the avenue trees. In respect of other parts the answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The Revenue Department has issued the certificates of rights to the persons who had raised them in some places.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The suitable steps have been taken to plant and protect the trees by the P. W. D. The circulars have also been issued to the Superintending Engineers and Executive Engineers to take steps to plant and near the trees from time to time. The gang coolies look after the work of planting and protecting of trees.

Pickup work in Kannegala, Kollegal Taluk

351 SRI M. SIDDAMADAIAH (Kollegal).—Will the Minister of State for Minor Irrigation and Protocol be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the work of pickup in Kannegala of Kollegal Taluk was started about 4 years ago ;